

REMARKS

Claim 4 has been amended. Claims 5-6 have been canceled. Claims 4 and 7-11 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination, of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 4-5, 7-9, and 11 under 35 USC §103(a). The Examiner indicated claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 5 and 6, and claims 5 and 6 have been canceled. Hence, the rejection is moot.

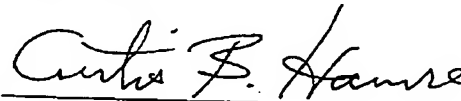
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 4 and 7-11 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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